

The following was received from USCG Sector New Orleans regarding Port State Control deficiencies:

"In the past quarter we have found a high number of vessels that have not conducted the hydrostatic test of their fuel and lube oil piping system as required by 33CFR156.170 nor could they provide records of the test as required by 33CFR820. The regulation requires the piping system to be pressure tested at 1.5 times the Maximum Allowable Working Pressure (MAWP). All vessels unable to produce records of the required tests were issued a COTP requirement prohibiting the vessel from conducting any bunkering operations in the United States until a hydrostatic test meeting the requirements of 33CFR156.170 was conducted."

"Also note that any vessel found conducting or that have conducted bunkering operations in the US without have records showing compliance with the testing regulations are subject to a civil penalty."